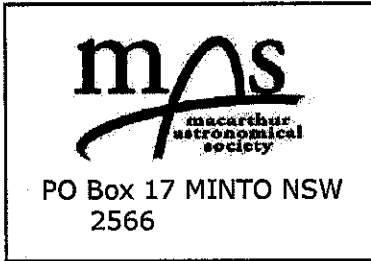


OCT 2014



**1 OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES:** Meeting opened at 7.38pm

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Proposed by CM, adopted by TL and seconded by SG

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Future Observatory at Dharawal National Park**

- TL attempted to contact Megan Ely but received no response. Spoke to Glenda Chalker from the TLALC board to arrange a meeting. TL will call again to arrange a meeting with Megan.

**3.2 Children's Booklet.**

- CM will work on the booklet after Xmas.

**3.3 Any other business**

- SG has not had a chance to work on the display boards yet.
- TL attempted to contact Roslyn McCourt at UWS Werrington. No response.

**4 REGULAR BUSINESS.**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report - See attached**

**4.2 Membership**

- New members: Received an application from Bradley Kelly
- Current membership stands at 101 members including 4 honorary members.

**4.3 Merchandise**

- No merchandise sales
- \$36 from donations to go to Cancer Council
- Sale of ASTRONOMY 2015 will be announced at the next meeting.

**4.4 General Meetings**

- Next meeting: 20th October, Dr. Lucyna Kedziora-Chudczer

**4.5 The Forest**

- Last gathering: 26-27th September. Friday night was washed out. Saturday night was great.
- Next: 24-25th October
- Ask Roger Powell if he could arrange the viewing calendar for Stargard & The Forest, TL to confirm with Jessica from International house for 2015 and pass dates to Noel Sharpe for Wollondilly Council.

**4.6 Stargard**

- Last gathering: 20th September. Good viewing.
- Next: 18th October

#### **4.7 Public Outreach**

- CM demonstrated the use of the telescopes purchased by Camden Library. Two employees came, Elysa Dennis and Josephine Roccisano. Elysa will contact CM again when she requires help with the 'quickstart guide' prepared by CM.
- Wooglemai has been organised by Barry Moore. Date set for 29th November 2014. Similar accommodation to the Forest is possible. Will confirm with BM.
- TL suggested hosting the Oran Park Probus club to an astronomy evening to take place on one of our Stargard observing nights. To be held March/April 2015.

#### **4.8 Members' Trips**

- Atacama/Machu Picchu 2016 on track -approx \$6000/person. Bank account is open if members wish to save.

#### **4.9 Fundraising**

- Xmas sausage sizzle moved to Jan/Feb 2015
- SG suggested and the committee agreed that the donations from the next forum will also be donated to the cancer council in memory of Stuart Cant - \$175 has already been raised.

#### **4.10 Website, Web shop, Forum, Facebook, Prime Focus Blog**

- Chris requires assistance with Joomla for the website due to a lack of time.

#### **4.11 Correspondence**

**Mail in - Nil**

**Mail out - Nil**

#### **4.12 Technical Advancement.**

- The first '**Beginners Workshop**' was held in conjunction with Stargard on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014. 10 members and 1 new member attended.
- MN will be the first 'buddy' to greet new members and provide assistance in introducing them to the club.

#### **4.13 Publicity**

- Media release for the month of October as been sent out to the Advertiser, Chronicle and UWS. Kimberly Caines from UWS has been added to the email list for media releases.
- Advertising of MAS & Forum discussed, look at local radio stations -TL
- MN will look into contacting local schools with the intention of publicising MAS

#### **4.14 Mallincam Extreme**

- More practise with the cam shall occur, weather permitting, next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.

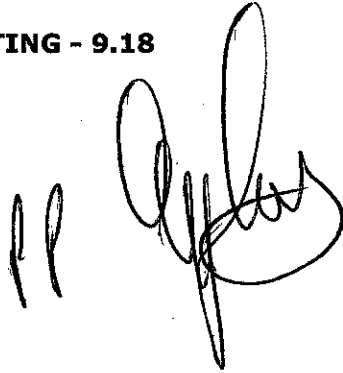
### **5 NEW BUSINESS**

- TL suggested producing a 'Welcome Pack' for the residents of Macarthur Heights, based on the astronomy/science themes running through the area due to its association with the domes. The welcome pack would contain data on the Gardens of Light, MAS, Application Form MAS stickers and Literature from UWS and suppliers of Astro equipment.
- TL and CM met Andy Thomas on the recent Coonabarabran trip, and discussed a possible presentation at MAS at sometime in 2015. The fee would be close to \$6000. Based on the reaction to Greg Chamitoff, the committee believes we could fill the lecture theatre again, without paid ticketing, we will have to raise funds from sponsorship. TL to check on commercial ramifications with Andy Thomas. UWS will be advised to see if they would be interested in partnering with MAS for the presentation.

- MACDOB will be donated to Camden library due to lack of use by MAS members, it could be loaned back if new members would like to try it out – CM to discuss with Elysa Dennis.

**6 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** - 3rd November 2014, at Tony's. 33 Hickson Circuit, Harrington Park.

**7 CLOSE OF MEETING - 9.18**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack Goralewski', written in a cursive style.

Jack Goralewski  
Secretary - MAS